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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2006.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT**

1. Claims 1-6 are pending in the application, claims 5 and 6 have been withdrawn.
2. Amendments to the claims, filed on April 12, 2006, have been entered in the above-identified application.

***WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS***

3. The 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of claims 1-4, made of record in office action mailed December 13, 2005, page 2, paragraph #5 has been withdrawn due to Applicant's amendment in the response filled April 12, 2006.
4. The 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 1-4 over Kubota (US Patent No. 6,168,851), made of record in office action mailed December 13, 2005, page 3, paragraph #7 has been withdrawn due to Applicant's amendment in the response filled April 12, 2006.

***REJECTIONS***

5. **The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Franck et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0114911) and evidences by U.S. Patent No. 5,552,177, U.S. Patent No. 5,735,889, and U.S. Patent No. 5,792,176.

Franck discloses an object (*title*) of synthetic thermoplastic material (*claim 15*). The object has a contact surface that is rough, where  $R_z$  is in a range from  $40\mu$  to  $100\mu$ , more specifically  $55\mu$  to  $70\mu$  (*claim 9*). The arithmetic mean roughness  $R_a$  lines in the range from  $6\mu$  to  $25\mu$ , more specifically  $10\mu$  to  $15\mu$  (*claim 8*).

Franck fails to disclose that the redetacable adhesive device is disk-shaped.

It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to change the shape of adhesive, since a modification would have involved a mere change in size of the adhesive. A change in size or shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art, absent unexpected results. MPEP 2144.04 (I) and (IV). Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to change shape in order adapt the adhesive to different surfaces. As evidenced by U.S. Patent No. 5,552,177, U.S. Patent No. 5,735,889, and U.S. Patent No. 5,792,176 adhesives can be made in to disk shapes to suit different user needs.

The limitation “for use as an intermediate between parts” is deemed to be a statement with regard to the intended use and is not further limiting in so far as the structure of the product is concerned. In article claims, a claimed intended use must result in a *structural difference* between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. MPEP § 2111.02. Furthermore, it is noted that Franck’s redetachable device is an adhesive sheet made to fasten things together (*page 1, paragraph [0004]*).

***ANSWERS TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS***

7. Applicant's arguments in the response filed April 12, 2006 regarding the previous rejections of record have been considered but are moot due to the new grounds of rejection.

***Conclusion***

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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